

OUT OF
THE CLOSET
AND
INTO THE
STREET

GOOD



LESBIAN

BAD



BORN
AGAIN
LESBIAN

LESBIAN



What makes a
"GOOD"
lesbian adoptive couple?

YOUNG
GAYES
PROUD



What makes a **BAD**
in the eyes of **LESBIAN**
certain adoption agencies?



open about her
sexuality + gender

views **LESBIANISM**
as a positive aspect of life



attends
QUEER
events

is involved with **QUEER**
activism



relies on partners, friends,
+ day care for child care

Heteronormativity is
privalaged, promoted, + regulated
within adoption agencies

LESBIANS are more likely to:

- have their sexuality examined +
scrutinized, and are held to a
higher standard



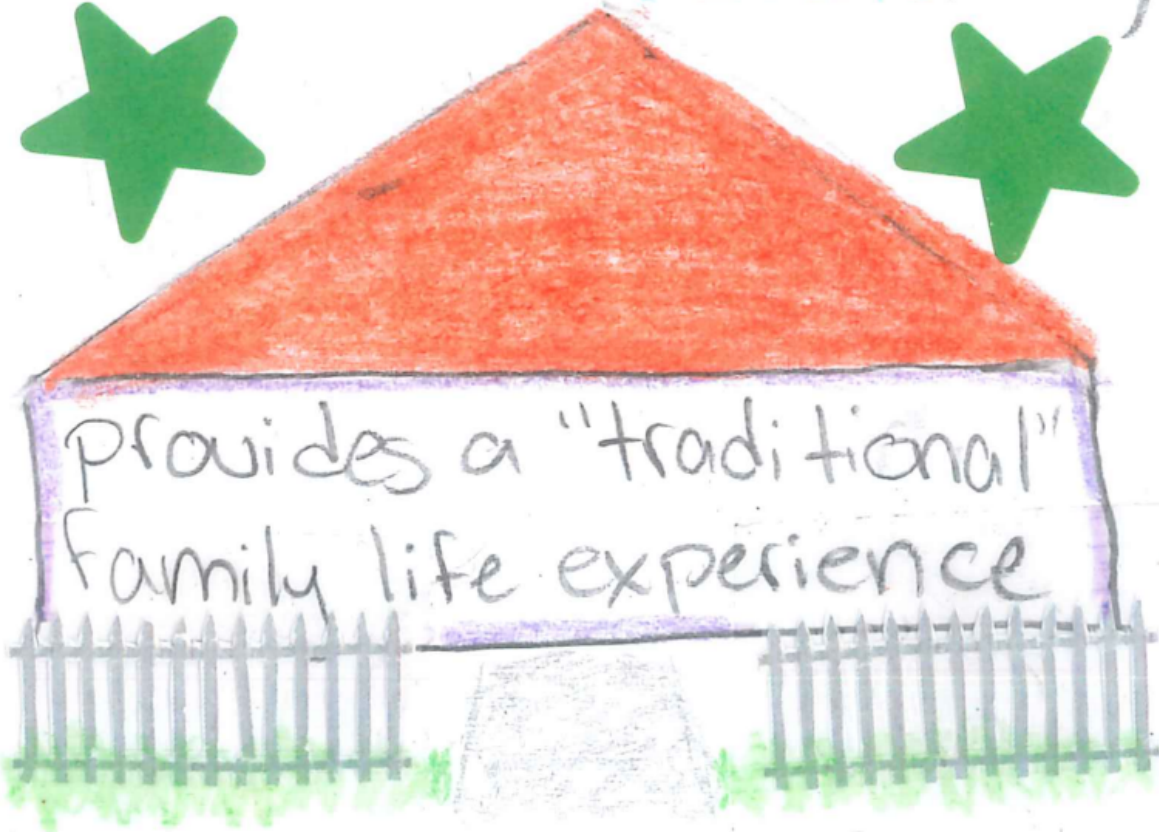
- are assumed to be incapable of
'good' (heteronormative) parenting
due to a lack of male presence
- be assumed of predatory
motives
- be accused of influencing/changing
their childrens sexuality + gender
- be accused of raising children who
are less cognitively, emotionally, socially,
+ behaviorally developed
- be accused of being unable to truly
connect to their children

than their **Heterosexual** peers
who are looking to adopt

So... What makes a
"GOOD LESBIAN"?



- Quiet and discreet about QUEER identity



- produces a "normal" child who is fully integrated into Heteronormative society



In Summary



Due to **Heteronormative** roles and norms that are enforced by cyclical socialization, **Lesbians** are often perceived as inadequate adoptive parents.





In reality...



The sexual orientation
of a child has little
to no significant effect
on the child's quality of
life



Children adopted by **lesbians**:

- are more likely to be open to exploring + evaluating their own sexuality + gender identity
- actually surpass peers adopted by heterosexual parents in social, emotional, cognitive + behavioral development

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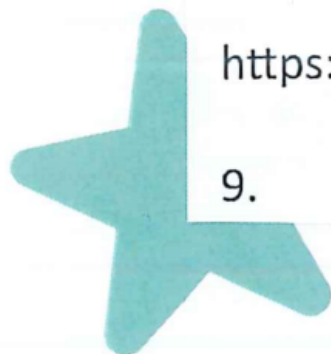
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